

1 hour under the control of the Majority, and 2 hours under the control of the Republicans, and 30 minutes of the Republican time under the control of Senator Bunning; provided further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S4902–03**

**Morton Nomination Referral—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John Morton, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, reported by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Monday, April 27, 2009, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period of 30 calendar days; provided further, that at the end of the 30 days, if the Committee on the Judiciary has not reported the nomination, then it be automatically discharged and placed on the Executive Calendar. **Page S4905**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Sherburne B. Abbott, of Texas, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Dana G. Gresham, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Roy W. Kienitz, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

April S. Boyd, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Joseph C. Szabo, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Peter H. Appel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

Robert S. Rivkin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Andrew Charles Weber, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Martha J. Kanter, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education.

Kevin W. Concannon, of Maine, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

Robert M. Groves, of Michigan, to be Director of the Census. **Page S4905**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—173) **Page S4881**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4905.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### WOUNDED WARRIORS

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of Wounded Warrior policies and programs, after receiving testimony from Randall B. Williamson, Director, Health Care, Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Human Capital and Management, Information Systems Issues, and Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, all of the Government Accountability Office; Gail H. McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary for Plans, Ellen P. Embrey, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Major General Keith W. Meurlin, USAF, Director, Office of Transition Policy and Care Coordination, and Rear Admiral Gregory A. Timberlake, USN, Director, Interagency Program Office, all of the Department of Defense; and Roger Dimsdale, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Collaboration, Office of Policy and Planning, and Karen S. Guice, Executive Director of the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Lieutenant Colonel Gregory D. Gadson, USA, Lieutenant Colonel Raymond T.

Rivas, USA (Ret.), Colleen O. Rivas, Kimberly R. Noss, and First Lieutenant Andrew K. Kinard, USMC (Ret.).

### HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

*Committee on Finance:* Committee met in closed session to discuss transforming the health care delivery system, focusing on proposals to improve patient care and reduce health care costs.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, who was introduced by Representatives Royce and Payne, and Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, who was introduced by Senator Harkin and Representative Conyers, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### SWINE FLU

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine swine flu, focusing on coordinating the federal response, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; and Anne Schuchat, Acting Deputy Director for Science and Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

### INFORMED FINANCIAL DECISIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; James H. Shelton III, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement, Department of Education; Arthur J. Meyers, Acting Deputy Secretary for Military Community and Family Policy, Department of Defense; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Robert F. Duvall, Council for Economic Education, New York, New York; and Dallas L. Salisbury, Employee Benefit Research Institute, Washington, D.C.

### SWINE FLU EPIDEMIC

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the swine flu epidemic, focusing on the public health and medical response, after receiving testimony from Richard E. Besser, Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Peter Cunningham, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, and Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, all of the Department of Education, Brian Kennedy, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, both of the Department of Labor, and Thomasina Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

### CRACK-POWDER COCAINE FEDERAL SENTENCING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine restoring fairness to federal sentencing, focusing on addressing the crack-powder disparity, after receiving testimony from Lanny Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Judge Reggie B. Walton, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the Judicial Conference of the United States; Ricardo H. Hinojosa, Acting Chair, United States Sentencing Commission; Asa Hutchinson, former Administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Rogers, Arkansas; John F. Timoney, Chief of Police, City of Miami Police Department, Miami, Florida; and Cedric Parker, Alton, Illinois.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Mikulski and former Senator Sarbanes, David

F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Thomas E. Perez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BENEFITS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine pending benefits legislation, after receiving testimony from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; R. Chuck Mason, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Robert Jackson, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and Ian DePlanque, American Legion, both of Washington, D.C.; Raymond Kelley, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; and Rebecca Poynter, Annapolis, Maryland.

### LIFE SETTLEMENT MARKET

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the life settlement market, focusing on what is at stake for seniors, after receiving testimony from Mary Beth Senkewicz, Florida Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of Insurance Regulation, Tallahassee; Michael T. McRaith, Illinois Director of Insurance, Chicago; Fred J. Joseph, Colorado Securities Commissioner, Denver, on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Stephan R. Leimberg, Leimberg Information Services, Inc., Havertown, Pennsylvania; James J. Avery, Individual Life Insurance, Prudential Financial, Newark, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Council of Life Insurers; Scott Peden, Life Partners, Inc., Waco, Texas; and Michael Freedman, Coventry First LLC, Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 2159–2182; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 44; H. Con. Res. 114; and H.Res. 377–378, 380, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 379, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 627) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan (H. Rept. 111–92).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Grzegorz “Greg” Brozonowicz, St. Mary’s Mother of the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, Groton, Connecticut.

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**Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2011 through 2014—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fis-

cal years 2011 through 2014, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 216. Consideration of the conference report began on Tuesday, April 28th.

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H. Res. 371, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to on Tuesday, April 28th.

Pursuant to the provisions of the conference report accompanying S. Con. Res. 13, H.J. Res. 45, increasing the statutory limit on the public debt, is considered agreed to in the House.

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, April 28th:

**Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2009:** H. Res. 357, to support the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2009, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 419 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 217;

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**Supporting the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights:** H. Res. 109, to support the mission and goals of 2009 National Crime Victims’ Rights week to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States, and to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded